MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SEVENTH DAY.

Thursday, 27th December 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. R. KANTHI) in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN

1. Sri T. Anantha Pai (Udipi).
2. Sri Sharana Gowda (Andola—Jewargi).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Public Libraries

Q.—25. Sri H. S. METGUD (Bailhongal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of Public Libraries that are in Mysore State;

(*b*) the number of libraries that are working in the former Bombay State area, Madras State area, Hyderabad State area, Coorg and former Mysore State area, now forming the new Mysore State respectively;

(*c*) the types of the libraries;

(*d*) the scale of grants given to each type of libraries;

(*e*) whether all the types of libraries are under one and the same scheme and under one and same department;

(*f*) the policy of Government to effect uniformity in organising and administering all these libraries?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) The information in respect of all the areas forming the New Mysore State is being collected.

(*b*) There are 44 Public Libraries and Reading Rooms in the former Mysore State area and 25 Panchayet Board and Grama Sangha Libraries in Bellary District.

The information in respect of the integrating areas is being collected.

(*c*) All the Libraries in the former Mysore State are Grant-in-aid Institutions. Those in Bellary District are governed by the Madras Public Libraries Act of 1948.

(*d*) The Libraries in the former Mysore State are sanctioned grants by the Government at the rates noted below:

(1) *Staff.*—Not exceeding one-half of the pay of the Librarian and servants provided that the grant under this item does not exceed Rs. 25 per mensem.

(2) *Furniture.*—Not exceeding one-third of the initial cost of furniture and one-third of the cost of articles that may be added from time to time subject to the previous approval of the Department.

(3) *Books.*—Not exceeding one-third of the initial cost of books and of those to be added annually and not exceeding one-third of the cost of binding old books in the District Headquarters or Towns with a population of 5,000 and above, and half in other places.

(4) *Newspapers and Periodicals.*—Not exceeding one-third of the cost of newspapers and periodicals in District Headquarters or Towns with a population of 5,000 and above, and two-thirds by Government and one-third by Village Panchayets in other places.